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HONORING ALEX GRAHAM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in remembering the life of the District of Columbia 2018 Firefighter of the Year, Alex Graham, a 17-year veteran of the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, who died in the line of duty.

Alex Graham suffered a heart attack while on duty, and later died on October 27, 2019, surrounded by family at George Washington University Hospital.

Graham was raised in Annapolis, Maryland, and attended Bowie High School. He was a humble and dedicated public servant and technician. As a firefighter with Engine 21 in Adams Morgan, known as the Alley Rats, he worked to protect the lives of D.C. residents. Graham was known to go above and beyond, ensuring that fire station equipment was top grade. He meticulously worked behind the scenes, researching equipment issues and fixing them, which at times meant traveling from firehouse to firehouse restringing 500 ladders.

For his efforts repairing fire trucks, maintaining ladders and managing water flow, Graham was named Firefighter of the Year in 2018. While the limelight did not come naturally, the award was undeniably well-deserved.

Graham is an irreplaceable member of Engine 21. He will be remembered for his skills, dedication and humility. His death sheds light on the tireless work of the department's men and women to protect D.C. residents.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the life of Alex Graham and his dedication to the safety of District of Columbia residents. We remember him with tremendous gratitude for his service.

HONORING MRS. ERIN TIDERMAN-GROSS AND MRS. DEIRDRE ABRAMS

HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two wonderful teachers from

Idaho: Mrs. Erin Tiderman-Gross of Meridian, Idaho, and Mrs. Deirdre Abrams of Donnelly, Idaho who have been awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the United States government for teachers in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer studies. I am proud today to recognize the hard work of Mrs. Abrams and Mrs. Tiderman-Gross and their dedication, commitment, and passion for our students' success in the sciences.

At Rocky Mountain High School in Meridian, Idaho—my hometown—Mrs. Tiderman-Gross teaches advanced placement biology and has acted as a mentor to hundreds of students in the National Honor Society. Mrs. Tiderman-Gross is an adviser in one of the largest, most-active National Honor Society Chapters in Idaho. She has impacted countless families, students, and community members through her work, and after 24 years, continues to share her passion for biology with her students. At Donnelly Elementary School, Mrs. Abrams has taken the world to her students through place-based learning. Mrs. Abrams has given her students hands-on educational trips to study rainbow trout populations, pollinator gardens, and cattle data to improve water quality. Her students even share their water quality data with local government agencies. Mrs. Abrams has been an educator for 23 years and continues to be a shining example of innovative teaching in the sciences. I thank Mrs. Erin Tiderman-Gross and Mrs. Deirdre Abrams for their passion and commitment to their students. This honor bestowed upon them is a testament to their dedication and I am so proud of their representation of the great State of Idaho.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION BRAXTON-PERKINS POST 25

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the American Legion Braxton-Perkins Post 25 in Newport News, Virginia. Since its inception, the American Legion has advocated for benefits for veterans and helped create many important programs for families, children and communities. While the American Legion has posts all over the nation, I want to highlight the history and work of Braxton-Perkins Post 25.

In 1918, when the Armistice was signed and World War I ended, the process of demobilization began. This brought many Army and Navy veterans back to the city of Newport News. Many ex-service members were war-weary but looking for ways to keep the spirit of comradeship alive with the men and women with whom they served overseas. In August 1919, Fred H. Skinner, a young lawyer who served as a captain in the 119th Infantry, tapped his local social circle of former servicemembers and gathered the required number of signatures to apply for a charter from the Legion. The charter was approved on August 25 of that year.

The first meeting of Braxton-Perkins was held in Newport News City Hall in September

of 1919. After that, the Post contacted the War Camp Community Service to use their building for meetings and office space. Later, this building was purchased by the Post from the War Camp Community Service after they had stopped utilizing the facility.

Post 25 is named after two local Newport News men who died overseas during World War I. Elliott Muse Braxton was killed in action in the Meuse-Argonne fighting and Lieutenant Pryor Richard Perkins, a member of the Air Service, died in a plane crash on the Argonne front.

The Post began its activity in earnest in 1920 with a variety of social activities and civic endeavors. Since then, it has come to be one of the most respected organizations in Newport News because it has constantly given back to our community. The Post set up a kindergarten and free health clinics for children, they aid the sick and wounded and have helped many veterans financially. The Post has provided many veterans with food, clothing and access to employment. They also help arrange hospitalization and military funerals for veterans regardless of whether or not they were members of the Legion.

Madam Speaker, as our nation observes Veterans Day this Monday, Newport News is fortunate to have an organization like Braxton-Perkins Post 25 serving and supporting our veterans and their families for the last 100 years. I look forward to seeing all the good they will continue to do in the years ahead as a pillar of our community.

HONORING THE EVANS MILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL 1ST AND 2ND GRADE VETERANS DAY CONCERT

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, November 8, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Evans Mills Primary School 1st and 2nd Grade Veterans Day Concert.

For the past five years, the Evans Mills Primary School Veterans Day Committee and its chair, Mrs. Lewis, have organized this wonderful concert in honor of our veterans. Beyond the concert itself, the committee has led a food drive for veterans with all donations going to "Feed Our Vets," a local program in Watertown. In addition, the committee arranged for veterans to come to the school and speak directly with students about their experiences. Students have created art projects around the theme of honoring our veterans and those pieces will be displayed during the concert alongside real uniforms and gear. The committee has partnered with Fort Drum's 1st Brigade Combat Team, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald, to organize this and other veteran's events at the school.

Events like this highlight the community spirit in the North Country. Veterans and active duty service members make up a large part of our community and it is important for individuals of all ages to recognize and celebrate their service to our nation. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to thank the Evans Mills Primary School Veterans Day Committee and everyone who donated or helped organize this event for their work honoring our veterans.